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Portsmouth, May 30.

YEsterday past by the *Isle of Wight* for the *Downes*, a great Fleet of *English* Merchantmen, from the *Streights*. There are now at *Spithead* the *Royal Charles*, the *Royal James*, the *Lyon*, the *Dover*, the *Woolwich*, with other of His Majesties Frigats.

Strasburgh, May 30. According to the Letters we receive from the Imperial Camp, dated yesterday, and the report of several Officers who came hither this day, the two Armies continued posted, as we told you in our last; the *French* Army near *Friburg*, and the *Imperial* at *Capel*, some considerable Rencounters having hapned between their Parties; and on Friday last was brought Prisoners into the *Imperial* Camp the Sieur *de la Cordonniere* the younger, with 60 Troopers: and on Saturday, one Captain *Heisler*, who was abroad with a Party of Horse, fell upon 300 *French* Horse, 100 Dragoons, and 80 Musqueteers, commanded by the Sieur *de Silvester*, Brigadier of Horse, while they were refreshing themselves, and charged them so on the sudden, that not giving them time to put themselves into any order, the *Imperialists* killed many of them, and dispersed and put to flight the rest, and so returned to their Head-quarter, with a Major, three Captains, one Cornet, a Quartermaster, and 10 Troopers, whom they took Prisoners, and with about 200 Horses, which they had likewise taken. It is said that the *Imperialists* lost not above four or five men in this action, and some few wounded, amongst which latter is the Count *Altieri*, who was abroad with the said Party. We are told here, that the Sieur *de Sylvester* is carried wounded to *Friburg*. Yesterday the Duke of *Lorrain* sent out 2000 Horse, who passed the River *Elz*, with Orders to approach the Enemy, and observe in what posture they are; and Orders were given for the whole *Imperial* Army to decamp as this day, and the Bridge of Boats to be removed up higher. We are impatient to know what the Duke of *Lorrain's* design is.

Hague, June 7. On Friday last in the evening, as we told you in our last, arrived here the Heer *Van Beverning*, and went presently to the Assembly of the States of *Holland*, who were met, upon the notice they had received some hours before, that his Excellency would be here in the evening; they continued not long together at that time, but adjourned their meeting till next morning; and in the mean time his Excellency went to *Honslaerdike*, where the Prince of *Orange* was, to give his Highness an account of things. The next morning his Highness came hither, and was in the Assembly of the States of *Holland*, where the Heer *Van Beverning* made his report of all that passed at the *French* Court, having brought with him a Letter from the King to this State, being a Recredential to him their Ambassador, and a Memorial which had been put into his hands by Order of the King, containing his Majesties Answer to the matters he the Ambassador had represented to him by Order of the States, The States of *Holland* continued assembled till about 12 a clock, and then broke up, when his Highness went directly to the Assembly of the *States General*, who were still sitting. At five in the afternoon, the *States General* met again, and presently after a Deputation was sent to the *English* Ambassador, to communicate to him what had passed, and about 6 a clock all the Ministers of the Allies met together, and in like manner received an account of things from the Deputies of the States. The States of *Holland* are in the mean time separated till the 14 instant; and the Heer *Van Beverning* is ordered to return forthwith to *Nimeguen*, to pursue the matter of the Peace, which is now believed by all People to be very far advanced. Madam *Courtin*, Wife of one of the *French* Ambassadors at *Nimeguen*, is come hither, to see the Countrey.

The Most Christian Kings Answer to the Letter of the States General presented to him by their Ambassador the Heer *Van Beverning*.

MOst dear, great Friends, Allies, and Confederates, *We have with much pleasure understood, as by the Letter you writ us, so by the Assurances which the Heer* Van Beverning, *your Extraordinary Ambassador, hath in your Name given us, the dispositions in which you profess your selves to be, to a Peace. We cannot let you better know, how firm and sincere our Intentions are, to procure so great and so general a good for* Europe, *than by the Writing, which we have commanded to be put into his hands. You will see the new Facilities we offer to put you in a state to bring your Allies to consent to the Conditions, which we cannot doubt but you judge equitable. And having nothing farther to add thereunto, We onely assure you of the satisfaction we shall have, in giving you back with the Peace, our old and real friendship, and in entring with you into the strongest and most capable Engagements, for securing ever your Liberty; which we have more amply explained our selves upon to the Heer* Van Beverning, *whose Conduct and Person hath been very acceptable to us. There remains onely, That we pray God to have you, Most dear, great Friends, Allies, and Confederates, in his holy keeping.* Given in our Camp at *Wetteren*, the first day of *June*, 1678.

Your good Friend, Allie, and Confederate,

LOUIS.

Underneath was Signed *Arnauld*.

Memorial delivered to the Heer *Van Beverning*, by Order of the Most Christian King.

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